

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. In view of the following, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If, after considering this response, the Examiner does not agree that all of the claims are allowable, he is requested to schedule a teleconference with the Applicants' attorney to further the prosecution of the application.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner refers to "Figures 1-5." However, it should be noted that Figures 4 and 5 do not exist in the present application. The present application only includes FIGS. 1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a and 3b, and as disclosed in the present application, FIGS. 1-3b are not prior art. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to either clarify or withdraw this objection.

Rejection of claims 1 and 8-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Albasini et al. (US 7,005,928)

Applicants have included a translation of Italian patent application No. MI2003A000484, filed on March 14, 2003, from which the present application claims priority. Therefore, Albasini is not prior art, and the Examiner is requested to withdraw this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-7 are patentable by virtue of their dependencies from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

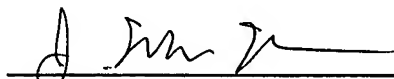
In order to consider this response timely, applicant submits herewith a Petition for Extension of Time (two months). However, if the Examiner determines that additional fees are necessary, he is authorized to charge them to deposit account number 07-1897.

If, after considering this response, the Examiner does not agree that all of the claims are allowable, then it is respectfully requested that the Examiner schedule a phone interview with the Applicants' attorney at (425) 455-5575.

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Respectfully submitted,

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